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If the people of this country don't want to see a declining commerce, a vanishing treasury surplus and a diminishing customs revenue they will vote the Republican ticket in the Congressional election next November.

A LOSS TO ALL.

During the first six months' operation of the Democratic Free-Trade law prices of many commodities, especially farm products, have fallen, but not to the consumer, who pays as much as ever. There is no gain to anybody in the United States, but a distinct loss to many, with indications of a loss of greater or less extent to all.

THE BOOTLEGGERS GOING.

Looks like the festive bootlegger has about given Fulton the salute and departed. We hope this is true. Whisky selling under the saloon regime became disgusting enough to turn all decent people against it, but bootlegging is unspeakably degrading. It is so much that even the negroes are quitting it. There is no place for bootlegging in a respectable community. If you must have whisky buy it like a man legally, and take it home like you would your groceries. But why drink at all? You are much better off without it.—Fulton Leader.

SPRINGTIME ON THE OHIO.

In spite of war and rumors of war, in spite of raucous voices crying flaming almost-extras, life emerged from its puffy details yesterday, awake to the fact that it was spring, and living along the valley of the Central Ohio was hand-painted, beautiful, budding and serene. God's out-of-doors was upon us and around us, and we were in it, drinking new vigor, drawing new hope, dreaming a new peace. The petty cares of everyday fell away like chaff before the breeze and disappeared like bubbles that burst and are no more.

It is a long journey between childhood and old age; a long pull and a hard one, and the hand-painted days are the oases in the desert. It is enough, on these days, to stand erect in the sunshine and look up into the sky and breathe the balmy air laden with the scent of woodland, and feel the thrill of new life in one's veins. It is good on days like this simply to have lived. Considerations of success or failure in material affairs are forgotten; if one have debts they fade away, if one have troubles they no longer exist. Just to stand upon the crest and raise one's eyes and live and breathe and be at one with nature is enough. It is good, then, just to have lived.

There was a day ages ago when man lived in the open and by right of might sustained his brood. They were his real troubles, and these soon ended; he of the small, trifling, continuing everyday troubles of the present man, but great vital issues in which he either lived or died, and in either ended them. His being was rooted in the life nature about him, and his good strong arms and legs were cousins of the cedars.

In the long ages since, civilization has bred an intellect in man, but warped and shrunken his physical body and made him the prey of grisly phantasies conjured by the artificialities of his new life, increased the number of his wants. He has set upon an endless chase for induced and stimulated needs, and if he does not overtake them all he is unhappy.

He stands for a time and throw aside the cares of his workaday life, and be at one with nature, but a reversion to the primitive life into which he was born.

Nowhere else, neither in Italy nor along the Rhine nor in Sunny Spain, nor even in our own semi-tropic California, does this spirit so kindly brood as in the Ohio valley, where the zones merge, where climatic transition is in its glory and its majesty, and where universal nature touches the heart of universal man.—Huntington-Herald Dispatch.

Another cargo of 22,000 cases of eggs from Hong Kong, China, arrived at San Francisco, March 16. This will make a train of 55 cars. Nice eating these must be. All on account of the Wilson Free Tariff.—Austin (Minn.) Transcript.

JUSTICE MAYO ON THE INFLUENCE OF CHILDREN.

"Children have a great influence over the entire family, and in many instances are able to bring about reforms that all other agencies might fail of obtaining," says Justice John B. Mayo, the most fatherly of all the Children's Court jurists, in the May Strand. "This may seem a bit exaggerated, but every man and woman who has worked for any time in this Court pins his or her faith to the child. They look to the inspiration of the child for the betterment of the home.

"I know that it seems anomalous that the little ones who should be protected and kept from harm by the parents are really in a reverse position, and that it is the boy or girl in the majority of cases that, in reality, is taking an interest in the uplift of the parents and who are extending a sort of moral supervision over their manner of living.

"In the congested parts of the city there are thousands of homes which are pitiful places in themselves. Add to this a drunken or lazy father and mother, or parents of lax morals; then what can reasonably be expected of the ill-nourished, poorly-cared-for offsprings? In such cases the parents are dragging the children to ruin. From such families the majority of the children of this Court are brought. There are many charges under which they come: truancy, incorrigibility, dishonesty, wickedness and improper guardianship. I believe, thoroughly, that many of these charges would not be brought against the little ones if the guardianship were proper. The fact of the matter is that improper guardianship is largely to blame for a majority of the cases that come before the Court.

"Much of the trouble develops with home environment. The parents become angered with their children. It does not occur to them that at the bottom the blame rests on them. They have brought them into the world and then failed of their duty. That they should be punished with the child, if punishment is necessary, does not enter their heads. They have not been educated to look at the question from that point of view.

"It is the child who, unconsciously, leads them to see the situation in its true light. When the child comes to this court, then begins his or her part in the reformation of the family. And it is truly marvelous to observe the vast improvement in the father and mother of a child on probation."

QUAKER QUIPS.

(Philadelphia Record.)

The world has yet to honor the man who lost his hearing through deafening applause.

Many a woman has discovered that the best way to retain a man's love is not to return it.

Perhaps the most lied about thing in all the world is the coffee mother used to make.

A woman always wants the last word, but that doesn't indicate that she has reached a definite conclusion.

You never can tell. A man may get the reputation of being a regular fire-eater and still burn his mouth over a plate of hot soup.



POOR MAN, HIS SEVEN WANTS.

President Elliott, of the New Haven Railroad, condemning Socialism, said:

"Man is an acquisitive animal, and Socialism can't come until he loses his acquisitiveness. That will be never.

"The seven ages of man have been well tabulated by somebody or other on an acquisitive basis. Thus:

"First age—Sees the earth.

"Second age—Wants it.

"Third age—Hustles to get it.

"Fourth age—Decides to be satisfied with only about half of it.

"Fifth age—Becomes still more moderate.

"Sixth age—Now content to possess a six-by-two strip of it.

"Seventh age—Gets the strip!"—New York Times.

The world is growing better. But it would help some if you could have a man arrested on a charge of Fraternity.

The man who hasn't any screens in his windows these nights often wonders what in Halifax Noah was drinking when he gave 90,000,000 no-count insects free transportation on the well-known Ark.

RECORD WHEAT CROP EXPECTED

Thirty-Six Million Acres Have Been Planted With Little Abandoned.

Washington, D. C.—Record-breaking winter wheat crop is in prospect this year, the Department of Agriculture estimating on a conservative basis that the yield may exceed 551,000,000 bushels. The condition of the crop April 1 was 91.6 per cent of a normal, 11.5 per cent better than the average April 1 condition for the past ten years. The area planted last autumn was 36,506,000 acres with a comparatively good winter it is believed the percentage of acreage abandoned has been somewhat less than 9.6 per cent, the lowest average abandoned during the past ten years, so that an unusually big acreage will be harvested if conditions continue favorable through the season.

GOOD SCHEME

Tuberculosis Sanatorium Proposed to Be Operated Jointly by Mason, Fleming, Nicholas, Robertson, Bourbon and Harrison Counties

Mr. E. R. Sapp, representing the State Tuberculosis Commission, and Miss Emma Hunt, a trained nurse have been here several days the past week in the interest of a movement to establish a tubercular district composed of Fleming, Nicholas, Robertson, Mason, Harrison and Bourbon counties. The purpose, it is understood, is, after the district has been organized, the location of a sanatorium at Parks Hill where each county can send its tubercular patients for skilled and modern treatment of this widespread and fatal disease. Each county would bear its proportion of the expense, so that it would not be a burden on anyone, says Mr. Sapp, and he thinks Parks Hill would be an ideal location for such a place, as doubtless it would.

The movement is one of merit it seems to us, and is worthy of the consideration of our people. Just what would be required in the way of appropriations to establish and sustain such a place is not known, but would, of course, have to be considered by the fiscal court. Nicholas County has already taken favorable action toward the matter, and Mr. Sapp is now taking it up with the other counties named. He has interviewed the county officials and the fiscal court here will take up the matter for consideration at a special session to be held here May 1st and 2nd at which time also the county demonstrator proposition will be considered.—Fleming Gazette.

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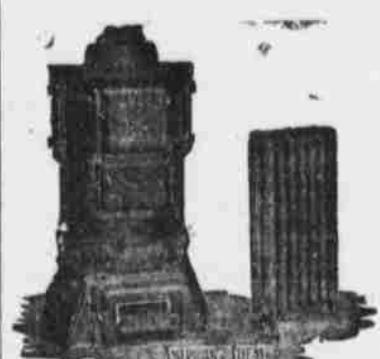
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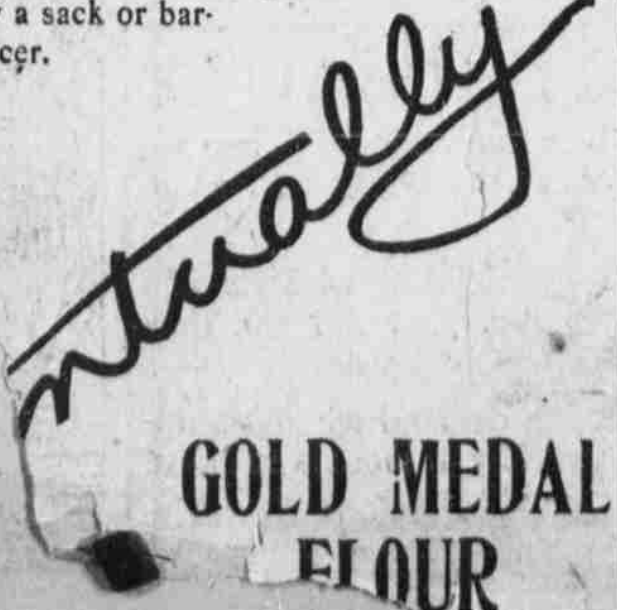
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